

SA372704

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Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA372704

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 55.8801 cm (22.0")

Width = 12.7 cm (5.0")

Depth = 12.7 cm (5.0")

Description

C19th 'Grand Tour' souvenir gilded bronze sculpture after the antique, of Dionysus, known as "Narcissus". Well-cast gilded patination bronze of this iconic statue, produced in Naples probably by 'Chiurazzi' foundry. Depicted in 'contrapposto' pose, a wine-skin slung over his shoulder, entirely naked except for his sandals and the grapes in his hair. The Greek god Dionysus, Bacchus to the Romans, is the God of wine, the grape harvest, ritual madness, religious ecstasy and theatre. The discovery of the original, excavated at Pompeii in 1862, caused a sensation and the image was much sought after by European collectors and 'Grand Tourists' alike. The antique original now exhibited in Museo Nazionale, Naples, Italy. Good 'softly' gilded patina with minor high-points and rubbing. Minor casting fault / crack to rear of base. H 11" Italy, Naples c.1890

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